

**1861] THE BATTLE OF BULL  
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Finally, however, the columns started. Tyler, with the brigades of Sherman and Schenck, arrived opposite the stone bridge about 6 o'clock; Keyes's brigade was stationed a short distance in rear. The division of Hunter, followed by that of Heintzelman, aggregating something over 13,000 men, left the turnpike shortly before 6 A.M.,<sup>1</sup> at a point about two miles and a half from Centreville, and marched over a wood-road for about six miles in a northwesterly direction until Bull Run was reached in the vicinity of Sudley Springs. Here the troops forded the river, and, after resting perhaps half an hour, recommenced their march in a southerly direction. They had marched but a little more than a mile when the enemy was encountered, posted on Borne heights about three quarters of a mile north of the Warrenton turnpike. This was about half past ten o'clock.<sup>2</sup>

These troops were a portion of the demi-brigade of General Evans, and they constituted the extreme left of the Confederate line. Evans, an officer of the old army, and a good soldier,<sup>3</sup> had been stationed to guard the stone bridge on the Warrenton pike and the neighboring fords. But he soon became convinced that the enemy in his front intended nothing

serious, at any rate at the moment; and, before long, he learned that a movement to turn his left flank

<sup>1</sup> Porter's Report; 2 W. R., 383.  
<sup>2</sup> Burnside's Report; 2 W. R., 395. Fisk's Report; *ib.*  
401, Wood\*  
Inry's Report; 2<sup>^</sup>, 333. Some of the Confederates make the hour much earlier. Evans's Report ; //>. 559, Heauregard's Report ; /E., 489. In his *Mantissas* (p. Bo) he says he heard this firing about 10,30 A.M.  
\* J. B. & L., 185, n.